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13 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Congressional Relations 1958

1. This memorandum is primarily for information, but contains certain recommendations and suggestions on the handling of Congressional relations which you may either wish to discuss further at a deputies meeting, or refer to the DD/S or the General Counsel for advice. These suggestions are based on approximately four and a quarter years of experience during which time Legislative Counsel reported to me. I believe that they reflect my accumulated impressions of how to handle our relations with Congress.

2. To my mind the single most important objective in our relations with Congress during this session is to establish a wider knowledge among the members of Congress of our general competence. Most of our difficulties with the Congress stem from the fact that those committees which do meet with us have disseminated little or no information about their reactions to our work. This lack of further dissemination has been based upon the concept that even the fact that hearings were held should be classified. I believe that recent events have invalidated this concept and that unless some method is established at a very early date to provide the general membership of the Congress at least with

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a general statement of our competence, that we shall inevitably find ourselves with a Congressional watchdog committee. It seems to me that there are basically two approaches to further disseminating within the Congress general knowledge of our competence: 1) by persuading the chairman of our subcommittees to either make statements on the floor or issue general announcements to the membership; 2) by direct liaison on our part with educational members of Congress with whom we can be frank and open concerning our general work.

3. It seems to me that the program that was being launched at the time that [] was transferred and the authority and responsibility for Congressional liaison was removed from this

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4. It is my belief that we can do better in Washington also in dealing with the Congress. In the past I feel our Congressional relations have been much too clearly concentrated around yourself, the DDCI, the Legislative Counsel and a small group of senior officials. This is best evidenced by the fact that nearly every Congressional luncheon is attended by about the same individuals. It is fairly obvious that this limits greatly the knowledge of Congressmen whom we can cultivate and "sell" the Agency. On the other hand, I completely agree with the necessity for the Legislative Counsel to be the focal point for Congressional relations, and preferably he should attend as many functions given by agency officials for Congressmen as is possible. But I would submit that we should set a goal of a Congressman for lunch at least every day during the forthcoming session, and obviously this would require a much broader group of senior officials to participate and host the luncheons. I believe that this can be done, inasmuch as in our vast organization we probably have more than a hundred senior officials who are personally acquainted with one or more Congressmen.

5. Finally, I believe that it is absolutely essential that with certain key Senators and Congressmen we develop as close a relation as their busy schedule will permit. This particularly applies to such key men as George Mahon of Texas, and I completely agree with Mr. Helms back slip on the attached memorandum that we must not

spare a moment in getting hold of Mahon and attempting to correct

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some of the misgivings expressed in the CBS television interview.

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Further, I would like to reiterate my previous suggestion that I believe it most important for you to request the Vice President to convene a meeting of the big four--Johnson and Knowland of the Senate, and Martin and Rayburn of the House--for the purpose of going over the question of the Congressional relations of the CIA and soliciting their advice and guidance. Even if the meeting never materialized, I believe that the soliciting of it by you and possibly the suggestions of the Vice President would be most valuable. In this context, of course I firmly believe that we should cultivate the democratic whip--Senator Mike Mansfield--and try to broaden our contacts with the wing of the democratic party which he represents. I am firmly convinced that Mansfield is the recipient of almost all that is bad about the Agency, having become a focal point as a result of his bill, and I think it quite important that we try to balance this ledger.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

Attachment: DCI (ER-9-9960) - Excerpt from CBS-TV Face the Nation.
6 January 1958.

cc: DDCI
OGC/Legislative Counsel

(Memorandum dictated but not read by LBK)

TAB B

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17 March 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT : Report of Congressional Debriefings
(Fall and Winter 1957)**

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. During the summer and fall of 1957 a record number of Congressmen traveled abroad. The publication, Congressional Quarterly lists the number at 222: 46 Senators and 176 Representatives. This office, with the assistance of the Office of Operations and the Office of Central Reference conducted debriefings of a selected number of these Congressmen. Efforts were made to contact 84 members of Congress. Of this figure 53 were actually debriefed, 24 were contacted and were unavailable, and efforts on seven others were unsuccessful for various reasons. Of the 53 debriefings conducted, 5 were conducted personally by the Director, one was conducted by General Cabell, 30 were performed by [REDACTED] 16 were conducted by the Office of Central Reference, and one was [REDACTED]

3. The debriefing program as conducted last year was successful from the Agency standpoint and was well received from the standpoint of the members of Congress contacted. Every member of Congress who was contacted by an Agency representative reacted courteously and cordially. Most of the Congressmen were extremely friendly and seemed to enjoy having the opportunity to discuss their trips.

4. Most members of Congress who were contacted had little to offer from the standpoint of positive intelligence information. Positive contributions were made, primarily by individuals who traveled to Soviet Russia and Iron Curtain countries, and those members of Congress who were at least somewhat familiar with the details of the Agency's mission. Although little positive intelligence information was gathered, the indirect benefits derived from these contacts more than justify the continuation of this program in the future. The mere fact of a CIA representative contacting many of these

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Congressmen was an experience for them and they appeared to be most happy to receive the visit. Many of the Congressmen have had little or no contact with the Agency and were anxious to hear something of the Agency's operations even in the most general sense. This reaction applied both in



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6. Some Congressmen indicated that the purpose of their trip did not bring them in contact with individuals or places which would be of interest to the Agency. However, if they had known of the Agency's interests they could have been more alert to their surroundings, to their contacts, and to the various circumstances which are of interest to us. Therefore, it is proposed that this year attempts be made to arrange for appropriate briefings of selected Congressmen who propose foreign travel so that we

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might alert them to items which would be of interest to us and in that manner firmly fix in their minds the type of information most interesting and pertinent to this organization.

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Legislative Counsel

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DE-BRIEFING STATISTICS

Total - 53

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Sen. Norris Cotton (R., N.H.)
Sen. A. S. Monroney (D., Okla.)
Sen. Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.)

Rep. Thomas L. Ashley (D., Ohio)
Rep. William G. Bray (R., Ind.)
Rep. O. Clark Fisher (D., Tex.)
Rep. Samuel N. Friedel (D., Md.)
Rep. DeWitt S. Hyde (R., Md.)
Rep. Richard E. Lankford (D., Md.)
Rep. Glenard P. Lipscomb (R., Calif.)
Rep. Thaddeus M. Machrowicz (D., Mich.)
Rep. William E. Minshall (R., Ohio)
Rep. Charles Melvin Price (D., Ill.)
Rep. Walter Rogers (D., Tex.)
Rep. James Roosevelt (D., Calif.)
Rep. James E. VanZandt (R., Penna.)

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Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.)
Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D., La.)
Sen. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.)

Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R., Ohio)
Rep. Carl T. Durham (D., N. C.)

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Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R., N. Y.)

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Rep. John A. Blatnik (D., Minn.)

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Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R., Utah)
Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R., Vt.)
Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R., Neb.)
Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.)
Sen. John O. Pastore (D., R.I.)
Sen. Andrew F. Schoeppel (R., Kan.)
Sen. Strom Thurmond (D., S. C.)

Rep. Leroy H. Anderson (D., Mont.)
Rep. William H. Bates (R., Mass.)
Rep. Hale Boggs (D., La.)
Rep. Overton Brooks (D., La.)
Rep. Frank Chelf (D., Ky.)
Rep. Albert W. Crestella (R., Conn.)
Rep. John J. Dempsey (D., N. Mex.)
Rep. George H. Fallon (D., Md.)
Rep. Leonard Farbstein (D., N. Y.)
Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.)
Rep. Chet Hollifield (D., Calif.)
Rep. Cecil R. King (D., Calif.)
Rep. Glenard P. Lipscomb (R., Calif.)
Rep. Gordon L. McDonough (R., Calif.)
Rep. Clifford G. McIntire (R., Me.)
Rep. John L. McMillan (D., S. C.)
Rep. Albert P. Morano (R., Conn.)
Rep. Donald W. Nicholson (R., Mass.)
Rep. Walter Norblad (R., Ore.)
Rep. W. Robert Pease (D., Tex.)
Rep. R. Walter Richman (R., N. Y.)
Rep. Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D., N. J.)
Rep. Terbert H. MacDonald (D., Mass.)

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**Congressional Committees Which Have Been
Briefed**

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
1. Military Applications Subcommittee of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee 29 August 1957 - DDCI	16	11
2. Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee 26, 27 November 1957 - DCI	15	11
3. CIA Subcommittee of the House Armed Services 6 January 1958 - DCI	6	6
4. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy 15, 17 January 1958 - DCI	16	14
5. Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee 28, 29 January 1958 - DCI	17	16
6. Senate Foreign Relations Committee 7 February 1958 - DCI	15	10
7. Senate Disarmament Subcommittee 13 - 21 March 1958 - AD/OSI	12	5
8. House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration 26 March 1958 - DCI	13	13
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Mr. Kenneth Sprankle, House Committee on Appropriations, on the Letter to Congressman William L. Dawson Concerning Reserves - 22 April 1958

1. At the time we secured the Director's signature on the letter to Congressman William L. Dawson, dated 16 April 1958, it was indicated that a briefing of Mr. Dawson was desirable to distinguish the Agency reserve from the type of reserves which were the subject of Mr. Dawson's original inquiry. It was proposed that this procedure be discussed with the Bureau of the Budget and with Congressman Clarence Cannon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

2. After clearance with the Bureau of the Budget, the matter was discussed with Mr. Sprankle. He concurred that the Agency reserve was not the type of reserve contemplated in Mr. Dawson's request. Concerning the advisability of briefing Mr. Dawson on this matter, Mr. Sprankle commented on the efforts which the staff and the Chairman of the Subcommittee had made to restrict knowledge of the Agency budget. Under all the circumstances, while not wishing to tell the Agency what it should do, Mr. Sprankle clearly indicated that he felt any briefing of Mr. Dawson unless some question was raised by him was unnecessary. He further indicated that he was sure Mr. Cannon would feel the same way. Mr. Sprankle said he believed the letter from Mr. Dawson indicated activity of the Government Operations Committee staff and that our proposed answer would probably settle the matter.

3. Under the circumstances I believe it sufficient that we have discussed the matter with the Committee staff and believe that if Mr. Dawson ever does raise a question we can deal with the problem at that time. Therefore, no further action will be taken and Mr. Saunders and Mr. Houston concur.

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SIGNED

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Legislative Counsel

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